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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE ON EFFORTS TO INTRODUCE A PROJECT DOCUMENT ON LOW LEVEL PRESENCE OF RDNA PLANT MATERIAL IN FOOD AT THE NEXT CODEX MEETING

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- 11. (SBU) Talking points were delivered to the office of Santiago Salguero, Under Secretary of Industries at the Ministry of Foreign Trade, which holds the presidency of the Codex commission in Ecuador.
- ¶2. (SBU) Salguero understands the points and would support the U.S. proposal to continue with work on the RDNA plant document. However, due to lack of resources Ecuador will not be attending the next Codex Alimentarius meeting in Chiba, Japan.

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